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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER SANYA ON THANOM AND U.S.-THAI RELATIONS

PRIME MINISTER SANYA THAMMASAK GAVE A NEWS CONFERENCE  
NOVEMBER 5. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF  
HIS COMMENTS ON FORMER PRIME MINISTER THANOM KITTIKACHORN.

1. REPORTER: MAY I ASK YOU A QUESTION REGARDING OUR RELATIONS  
WITH THE UNITED STATES AND WITH TAIWAN, BECAUSE THERE IS A  
REPORT THIS MORNING THAT SOME PERSONS HAVE SENT LETTERS TO  
PRESIDENT NIXON AND TO PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK, DEMANDING  
FOR ACTION TO BE TAKEN AGAINST ALL THREE PERSONS, FOR FIELD  
MARSHAL THANOM TO LEAVE THE UNITED STATES AND FOR FIELD  
MARSHAL PRAPHAT AND NARONG TO LEAVE TAIWAN. WHAT ARE OUR  
RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND WITH TAIWAN AT PRESENT?  
SANYA: RELATIONS ARE NORMAL AT PRESENT. ISN'T THAT TRUE?  
THERE IS NO CHANGE, BECAUSE... WE ENDEAVOR TO KEEP RELATIONS  
WITH ALL COUNTRIES NORMAL, ESPECIALLY AT PRESENT, AND THERE IS NO  
CHANGE.

2. REPORTER: HAS OUR EMBASSY REPORTED THE SITUATION THERE,  
HOW THAI STUDENTS STAGED A PROCESSION?

SANYA: WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS THROUGHOUT. DO YOU MEAN  
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THE PROCESSION STAGED IN BOSTON?

3. REPORTER: THERE IS A REPORT THAT THEY WILL MOVE FROM THE PLACES THEY WENT TO ORIGINALLY. HAVE YOU RECEIVED A REPORT YET?

SANYA: I HAVEN'T RECEIVED THAT INFORMATION YET.

4. REPORTER: ARE CONTACTS WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH THOSE COUNTRIES CONTINUED REGULARLY REGARDING MOVES MADE BY THOSE THREE PERSONS?

SANYA: NOT ESPECIALLY. CONTACTS ARE CONTINUED REGULARLY THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, BUT NOT EXPECIALLY ON ANY SUBJECT.....

5. REPORTER: WILL CASES BE FILED IN COURT AGAINST THOSE THREE PERSONS, CHARGING THEM WITH HAVING NURDERED PEOPLE?

SANYA: THAT STAGE HAS NOT BEEN REACHED YET. CONSIDERATION MUST BE PAID TO FACTS IN FULL DETAIL FIRST.

6. REPORTER: BUT IT SEEMS AS IF THAT IS WHAT STUDENTS WANT.

SANYA: I AM LISTENING TO ALL VIEWS EXPRESSED ALL THE TIME, BUT THEY HAVE TO BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION IN A CAREFUL AND THOROUGH MANNER FIRST.  
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